

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1436  
By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bonnie Jones on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative Body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Jones has served with acumen and alacrity as a School Cafeteria employee for the Weakley County school system for over thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Dresden High School, Bonnie Jones began her career at the Dresden Elementary School Cafeteria working alongside her mother, Shug Brundige, and her aunt, Dunk Morgan, as they served approximately 712 meals a day; and

WHEREAS, five years later in 1978, Mrs. Jones was promoted to work at her alma mater, Dresden High School, where she would quickly earn the respect of her peers and her superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, rising through the ranks, Mrs. Jones brought a new level of professionalism to her trade in Weakley County, requiring her employees to wear uniforms and insisting that they attend continuing education courses. She kept herself informed about new developments in her trade by attending continuing education programs and summer conferences and serving as an officer in the local chapter of the Tennessee School Nutrition Association; and

WHEREAS, a friend and wise counselor to many students, Mrs. Jones transformed her office into a place where students could share their problems and seek guidance. Mrs. Jones took great pride in feeding the students of Dresden High School as if they were her own, and at certain times, some of them were; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her career, it is estimated that Mrs. Bonnie Jones provided over 641,250 meals to students at Dresden Elementary School and 1,386,000 meals

to students at Dresden High School, for a combined total of 2,027,250 meals during her illustrious tenure; and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments notwithstanding, she is most grateful for the love and support of her devoted children, Mark Maddox, Janet Maddox, Tommy Maddox, and Ricky Jones; she is also the proud grandmother of Katrina Maddox, Kristin Kibbler, Britney Hoskins, Brundige Jones, Harold Mark Jones, Meyer Blaine Maddox, Will Jones, Molly Shannon Maddox, Isaac Jones, and Mark Lee Maddox II, and the great-grandmother of Will Kibbler; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Jones exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Jones has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the thousands of children she nourished, her colleagues, her community, and the good people of Weakley County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Bonnie Jones for more than thirty-three years of meritorious service to the citizens of Weakley County and the great State of Tennessee, and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.